REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 7-16 are added. No new matter is added by the above amendments.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected on "the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting" over claims 6-20 of parent U.S. Patent No. 6,778,766. This rejection is rendered moot by the attached Terminal Disclaimer.

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

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